

# Truck and Bus Regulation

## Small Fleet Compliance Options

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This summary describes the small fleet extension for heavier trucks and buses and other compliance options. The regulation does not apply to state and local government vehicles, solid waste collection trucks, drayage trucks that transport marine cargo, and public transit buses because they are already subject to other regulations. These compliance options do not apply to school buses.

### How does the Truck and Bus regulation define a small fleet?

You are a small fleet if you own one to three diesel trucks and buses with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than 14,000 lbs.

### I own one truck, but am leased to a large motor carrier; am I a small fleet?

If you own your truck, regardless of whether you contract for your own loads or have a leasing arrangement with a motor carrier and operate under their authority, you are considered a small fleet, and can use the small fleet option.

### What is the small fleet option?

The small fleet option delays PM filter requirements until January 1, 2014 and truck replacements until January 1, 2020 or later for heavier trucks (greater than 26,000 lbs). To use this option, heavier vehicles in the fleet must comply with the following schedule:

- One vehicle must have a PM filter by January 1, 2014
- Two vehicles must have PM filters by January 1, 2015
- Three vehicles must have PM filters by January 1, 2016

The PM filter requirements can be met by either installing the highest level PM filter retrofits that have been verified by the ARB or with PM filters that are standard equipment on 2007 or newer engines. Vehicle replacements begin January 1, 2020 on the same model year schedule as other fleets. You can also delay heavier truck replacements until January 1, 2023 if you show that all of your heavier vehicles are equipped with PM filters by January 1, 2014. Small fleet owners must report their vehicle information no later than January 31, 2014 to use these options and to demonstrate compliance.

### How do I take advantage of the small fleet option?

To use the small fleet extension, you must report information about all of your heavier trucks and buses at [www.arb.ca.gov/trucksreporting](http://www.arb.ca.gov/trucksreporting) by the following dates:

- March 30, 2012, if you own any 1996-1999 model year engines.
- January 31, 2013, if you own any 2000-2004 model year engines.
- January 31, 2014, if you did not report before.

You will not need to report any more after you report that all trucks are equipped with PM filters, unless a truck, engine or PM filter is replaced.

### I own a single truck; how do I use the small fleet option?

As a single truck owner, you can delay the PM filter requirement for heavier trucks until January 1, 2014, and you will be able to delay the truck replacement until 2023. The following table shows when you must report and the requirement to use this option based on your existing engine model year.

Engine Year	Optional Requirements by January 1 of the Compliance Year for a Single Truck Owner*											
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Pre-1994			PM filter & report									All must have 2010 model year engines
1994-1995			PM filter & report									
1996-1999	Report	Report	PM filter & report									
2000-2004		Report	PM filter & report									
2005-2006			PM filter & report									
2007-2009												

\* If you are required to report, you must do so by January 31 of the applicable year.

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### **I own a small fleet with more than one truck; how do I use the small fleet option?**

Fleets with two or three trucks can be exempt from the PM filter requirements until January 1, 2014, and will need to upgrade to 2010 model year engines starting January 1, 2020 or later as summarized in the table below.

Compliance Date	Optional Small Fleet Requirements for Heavier Vehicles*
January 1, 2012	If any 1996 to 1999 model year engines in the fleet you must report
January 1, 2013	If any 1996 to 2004 model year engines in the fleet you must report
January 1, 2014	One truck must have a PM filter installed & report
January 1, 2015	Two trucks must have a PM filter installed & report
January 1, 2016	All three trucks must have a PM filter installed & report
January 1, 2020	Replace all 1999 or older model year engines
January 1, 2021	Replace all 2000-2004 or older model year engines
January 1, 2022	Replace all 2005-2006 or older model year engines
January 1, 2023	All must have 2010 model year engines

\* If you need to report, you must report all heavier trucks in the fleet by March 30, 2012 and January 31 of future years.

### **Is there a way that I can I comply without reporting?**

Yes, all fleet owners (large or small), can comply with the engine model year schedule for heavier trucks shown in the following table and do not need to report. You can comply with this schedule by installing PM filter retrofits and by upgrading to new or used vehicles that have engines with later compliance dates. As you can see in the table, if you have a 1995 model year engine or older, you can wait to replace the vehicle by January 1, 2015, or January 1, 2016 instead of retrofitting with a PM filter.

Schedule for Heavier Trucks and Buses (>26,000 lbs)		
Engine Year	PM Filter	2010 MY Engine
Pre-1994	Not required	January 1, 2015
1994-1995	Not required	January 1, 2016
1996-1999	January 1, 2012	January 1, 2020
2000-2004	January 1, 2013	January 1, 2021
2005 or newer	January 1, 2014	January 1, 2022
2007-2009	Already equipped	January 1, 2023

### **Do I need to report lighter trucks that I own?**

No. Requirements for lighter trucks do not begin until January 1, 2015, at the earliest, and there is no need to report any lighter trucks you own, with few exceptions. Lighter trucks must be upgraded to a 2010 model year or newer engines based on a schedule by engine model and do not need to be retrofit with PM filters. Before January 1, 2020, replacements are limited to engines that are 20 years old or older.

### **Are there any other extensions or options I should learn more about?**

Yes, small fleets can also take advantage of other compliance extensions or exemptions for vehicles operated exclusively in parts of the state with less polluted air, log trucks, low-use vehicles operated less than 1,000 miles per year in California. If you are a single trucks owner with a low-mileage construction truck you may be able to delay compliance until January 1, 2016, but you must report by March 30, 2012, to be eligible.

### **Where can I find more information about the regulation?**

Fact sheets, compliance tools and regulatory documents are available at [www.arb.ca.gov/dieseltruck](http://www.arb.ca.gov/dieseltruck) or by calling ARB's diesel hotline at (866) 6DIESEL (634-3735).

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